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Shingle Springs Health & Wellness Center Hosts Smiles for Kids

Placerville, CA – To celebrate Children’s Oral Health Month, the Shingle Springs Health & Wellness Center’s Dental Department recently hosted Smiles for Kids. The dental team performed exams, x-rays, teeth cleanings, fluoride applications, sealants and fillings.

Most of the participants were from Head Start, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and El Dorado Community Hubs. Some of these kids had never seen a dentist.

Many of the participants were toddlers and babies. According to Shingle Springs Health & Wellness Center Dental Director Chalise Morgan, DDS, “Children should have their first dental check-up by their first birthday to create a lifelong preventive dental program to minimize the risk of tooth decay. I find that many parents are unaware of this recommendation. To get the word out the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has come up with a new motto: $1 + 1 = 0$. ONE dental visit when there is ONE tooth can lead to ZERO tooth decay. Since baby teeth are vulnerable to tooth decay from their first appearance it is important to educate parents on oral hygiene and establishing routine care as early as possible.”

Morgan is one of the founding members of the Oral Health Advisory Coalition which guides the El Dorado Smiles Oral Health Program managed by the El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency.

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